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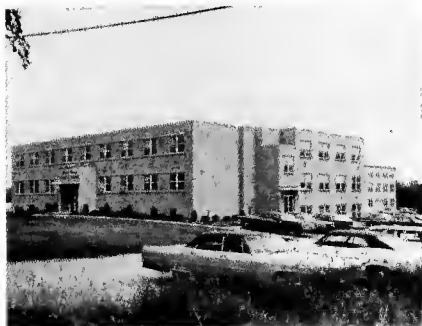
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## *From the Desk of the President*



### **FOXES IN THE HEN HOUSE**

At the October council meeting of the Medical Society, Dr. Henry of Columbus used the title of my editorial to describe us—doctors of medicine. He quoted Mr. Bennett of the U. S. House of Representatives as the one who had used this description of physicians during recent hearings in Washington. Dr. Henry was present as the elected treasurer of the O.S.M.A. He was also present at our meeting as an official of the Medical Advances Institute—a new entity in Columbus. This dual representation makes me wonder if Mr. Bennett was talking about doctors like us in the Mahoning County or doctors like those who form such corporations as the Medical Advances Institute.

The Medical Advances Institute is a corporation formed to use Federal grants, to set up peer review organizations and the like at local levels, and was being formed and continued in spite of the known wishes to the contrary of the OSMA. As yet, I have not appointed a doctor from Mahoning County to work with the M.A.I. nor do I intend to do so unless the Mahoning County Medical Society reverses its present stand on such matters.

The Mahoning County Medical Society was responsible at the last state meeting for having the resolution passed which prevents the State Medical Association from entering into contract or agreement with any third party without the approval of the House of Delegates (meeting in annual or special session). It seems to me that methods advanced to circumvent the wishes of the elected delegates should certainly be viewed with a jaundiced eye and the doctors who knowingly pursue plans like those of the Medical Advances Institute should be defeated for office in their local, state and national societies.

The foxes are always with us, their ambitions and motives are not always apparent at first glance, but their objectives remain the same: the take-over of the private practice of medicine.

With annual elections approaching in the month of December, make use of your medical birthright and elect men to our society offices who will not be foxes in our hen house.

—John F. Stotler, M.D.  
President



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## Editorial

### ON AKINETIC MUTISM

It's been a tough diagnosis to make, but there's no question about it . . . the Mahoning County Medical Society suffers from a serious malady called Akinetic Mutism.

The clincher came when the Ladies Auxiliary announced that they would no longer hold the annual dinner dance . . . due to lack of interest.

Now, it's no big thing to forego a dinner dance, what with so many more important things befronting us, but it does point-up the apathy, complacency, and disinterest of much of the membership. And therein lies the tragedy of this illness, coming at a time when turbulent and complex problems facing physicians today, demand solidarity, idealism and boundless energy, keystoneed in a dynamic medical society.

The disease is self-limiting; perhaps we will rise from this toneless, flaccid mute state . . . and soon; otherwise we can all go dancing!

—Felix A. Pesa, M.D.  
Editor

## NOMINATION OF A PRESIDENT-ELECT

Nominations for a number of offices will be made at the Nov. 16th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Ohio Hotel. All members are eligible for all offices of the Society, with the exception that only members who have served two years on Council will be eligible for the office of President.

Those eligible to be nominated for President are:

|                 |                 |                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
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Not included on the above list are all of the past-presidents of the Medical Society, who would be constitutionally eligible to be nominated and elected to the office of president again.

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## DIABETES WEEK IS NOV. 14 - 20

Next week is National Diabetes Week. All members are asked to cooperate in what is primarily an informational campaign to acquaint patients with the symptoms of the disease and the need for a periodic check by a physician. During the week, physicians are asked to give free diabetes tests to those coming to the office and requesting them.

Diabetes information material has been brought to the doctor's offices by members of the Auxiliary, who also collected unwanted drug samples for their own World Relief program. The samples are now being packed for shipment to headquarters in Chicago.

Mrs. Joan Gonzalez is chairman for the Auxiliary diabetes week and drug sample pick-up. Dr. S. F. Gaylord is chairman of the Diabetes Week Committee.

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## S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES:

The year 1972 will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

A committee consisting of all the living past-presidents, president John Stotler and president-elect Henry Holden is busy working on plans for the Centennial Celebration.

You would be amazed to hear some of their proposals. I will not reveal them because nothing is official but let me assure you that the event will have proper recognition.

Old S. Q. is proud to be a member of that group. He has memories of the Medical Society since 1929 and that is more than half of its existence.

Anyone who has ideas or suggestions for the celebration should tell them to Howard Rempes. He has been most diligent and the Society is fortunate to have him.

Be proud of your Society. It is your union, your strength, your voice in the community. It has a proud record of service to the medical profession and to the community we serve.

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—J. L. F.



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Principal speaker was Dr. Robert W. Parry, who discussed proper care and transport of the fire burned victim in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree burns, and described asphyxiation by gases as the result of fires.

Dr. Donald R. Bernat, Chairman for the seminars, discussed what the emergency room physician expects of the ambulance crews bringing patients to the hospital. Dr. Bernat introduced his brother-in-law, Mr. Stanley Pugh, who spoke on ambulance services in England.

Moderator was Charles A. Vimmerstedt, Manager, Safety Council of Greater Youngstown.

Attended primarily by ambulance crews and fire departments, the seminars are regularly planned by the Safety Council and by the Traffic Safety Committee of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

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Nov. 19 Urinary Tract Infection — Dr. Dean Limbert

Nov. 26 Office GYN Problems and Their Treatment — Dr. J. Dentscheff, Dr. B. Taylor.

Dec. 3 Cardiac Murmurs in School Children — Dr. Kurt Wegner

Dec. 10 Office Treatment of Common Disorders of the Ear — Dr. L. Gregg

The Family Practice Continuing Education Conferences are held every Friday throughout the year at St. Elizabeth Hospital. All Conferences begin at 8:00 a.m. and last for one hour.

## NOMINATING REPORT NEXT TUESDAY

In accordance with the constitution of the Mahoning County Medical Society, the Nominating Committee will present its report at the Nov. 16th meeting of the Society.

The ballot will contain the names of those proposed by the Committee, and will also provide for a write-in nomination for each office, thus permitting members to make their own nominations from the floor.

Offices requiring nominations this year are: President-elect, Secretary, Delegate, two Alternate Delegates, four Council Members, two Foundation Trustees, and a Representative to Blue Cross.

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Drs. A. T. Deramo, F. A. Friedrich, R. L. Jenkins, J. B. Stechschulte, J. F. Stotler and J. W. Tandatnick.

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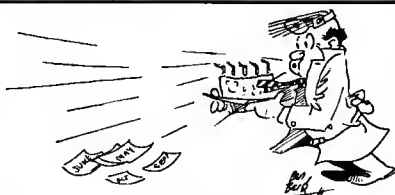
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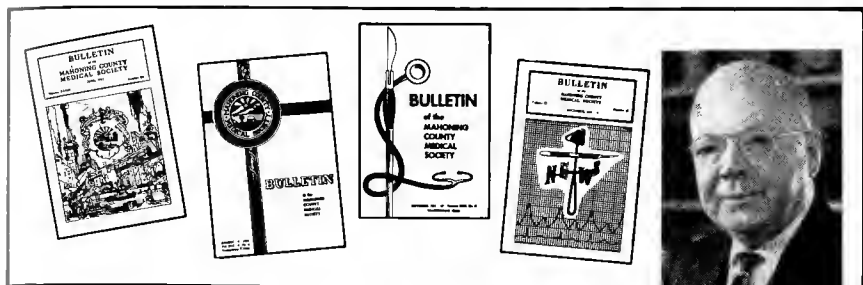
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## From the Bulletin

### FORTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1931

About this time the Recession hit the Depression. It was a bad time. The great Chevalier Jackson, the man who invented bronchoscopy and designed the instruments, was scheduled to come here from Philadelphia for a big meeting at Stambaugh Auditorium, with the public invited as guests of the Medical Society.

But there was no money to hire the hall. Our bank account was frozen. Treasurer W. X. Taylor said "We are flat broke!" and that was a voluminous report from him. He usually gave no information to anyone about the Society's finances. Not even to the President.

So Jack Lewis and Ed Goldcamp and some others advanced the money out of their own pockets to keep things going. More about that later.

S. Q. Laypius observed that the smoke abatement campaign had been very successful. The mills were all down and not one stack was pouring out smoke.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1941

The speaker that month was Dr. Claude Beck of Western Reserve University who lectured on "Heart Diseases Treated By Operation."

Excerpt from an article by Damon Runyon, sent along to the Bulletin by Esther Hamilton: "We think it is an unfair and unreasonable situation when the butcher and the baker are raising their prices on the doctor, the Government raising his taxes and he is expected to go along on his old scale."

A great deal of space was devoted to the topic of medical preparedness. The draft had been in operation for some time and the selective service had released figures showing that nearly 50 per cent of the draftees were rejected for physical or mental defects. This caused a furor in the public press and was being used by the proponents of socialized medicine as evidence of inadequate medical care. Most medical publications including the Bulletin, were busy debunking the figures.

The Atlantic Charter had been drawn up. American warships were conveying supplies to Britain, the German army was pressing on toward Moscow. Japanese "peace" envoys were negotiating in Washington but their fleet was steaming toward Pearl Harbor. The American people were still hoping to avoid war.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1951

President Wenaas and Editor Ondash urged the members to support the Red Cross Blood Bank for those injured in the conflict in Korea.

The late W. D. Coy conducted a column called "Uncle Dudley". This excerpt is from the current issue. "Recalling the by-gone days need not embitter us to the present with its evident follies. Each epoch has its own, and each becomes the source of our wisdom. And fortunate are we if, throughout the years, we have kept a course that has enabled us to witness, and in some measure, experience, the splendors of life while we have also known of its

squalor. The satisfactions of life must come through this blending of time and incidents."

New members were M. D. Evans, E. E. Brant, K. C. Kunin, J. N. Gordon, J. L. Calvin, Harry A. Smith and J. J. Campolito.

The Alcoholic Clinic was on Lincoln Avenue. Lyons was at 32 Fifth Avenue. Blair's Dry Cleaning was on Glenwood Ave. Truedly's was on Commerce Street. White's had five stores. Scott's store was on Phelps St. and O'Linns in the Bus Arcade. Stambaugh-Thompsons big hardware store was on W. Federal St. The Paramount and State Theatres were open and the beautiful Warner Theater was always filled, with lines waiting to get in.

Office visits were \$5.00 Home calls were \$7.00 daytime and \$10.00 at night. There was no Medicare and no Social Security for doctors, no mention of doctor shortage.

How things have changed.

### TEN YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 1961

The Society did two great services to the people of Mahoning County that month: Kurt Wegner and his Polio Immunization Committee put on a mass immunization program with the new Sabin oral vaccine. J. D. Miller and his committee conducted the Diabetes Detection Program. Both were successful. Both the young and the elderly were benefited.

J. Allan Altdoerffer and the late Nick Nardacci were elected to the Curbstone Coaches Hall Of Fame for their achievements in track and football.

New members were Armin V. Banez, Maria M. L. Liang Fok and Raul Albert Hernandez.

Thus was the membership enriched. It was a good month.

—J. L. F.

### WANTED — HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Dr. John C. Melnick requests that any physician having material pertaining to the history of medicine in Youngstown and surrounding area, early physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society, letters and photographs, etc., please phone or send the information to him at the x-ray department, South Unit, Youngstown Hospital Association.

Dr. Melnick is preparing several historical sketches on early medicine in the Youngstown area. *All material will be returned to the owner.* Sons and relatives of physicians are requested to look for letters discussing epidemics, nature of practice, problems encountered or descriptions of offices, houses and other data. He would also like to know the descriptions and source of donations to the project being carried out by the Canfield Fair Committee—the establishment of an "old doctor's office."

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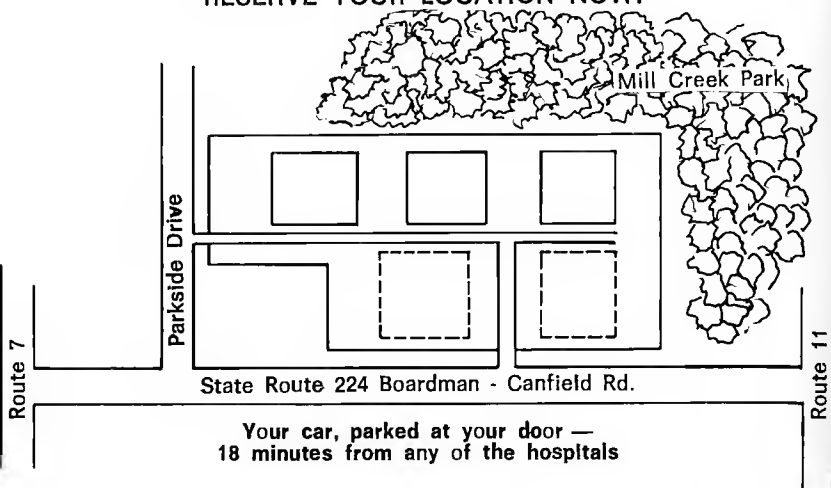
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### Oct. 12, 1971

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1971, at the Ohio Hotel, Youngstown.

The following physicians were present: J. F. Stotler, president, R. A. Abdu, J. J. Anderson, Louis Blomberg, B. P. Brucoli, S. F. Gaylord, Henry Holden, R. L. Jenkins, K. M. Lloyd, J. C. Melnick, R. D. Murray, J. V. Newsome, F. A. Pesa, C. E. Pichette, M. C. Raupple, Jack Schreiber, H. L. Shorr, L. J. Zehr. Also present were: Dr. Maurice F. Lieber, Sixth District Councilor; Dr. James L. Henry, president, Medical Advances Institute; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Tidd, and Dr. J. W. Tandatnick. Absent were: Drs. S. G. Adornato, L. P. Caccamo, A. B. Cinelli, D. J. Dallis.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Stotler presented to Mrs. Ella Tidd a silver tray from the Mahoning County Medical Society. The tray was inscribed: Mrs. Ella Tidd, in appreciation of 10 years of loyal service, 1961-1971, from the Mahoning County Medical Society, Oct. 12, 1971.

The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the secretary dispense with the reading of the minutes. Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that each bill be paid. The any-doctor call report of the Medical Dental Bureau was passed around for all council members to see.

Dr. Lieber introduced Dr. Henry, who outlined the reasons for the formation of the Medical Advances Institute by members of the Ohio State Medical Association. Following a lengthy discussion, Dr. Lieber and Dr. Henry left the meeting. Council agreed not to send a representative to the Medical Advances Institute.

Dr. Anderson proposed a letter to insurance companies and moved that it be accepted as a policy statement and printed in the Bulletin. The motion was amended to delete a sentence, and to send the letter to the claims adjusting officer of all insurance companies that do business in Ohio. The amendments and original motion were passed. The approved letter is as follows:

"It has come to the attention of the Mahoning County Medical Society Council that many of its members are being burdened with an increased amount of paper work necessitated by insurance companies demanding a complete listing of all office visits including diagnosis, treatment and charge, for each member of a family covered by a major medical policy. The Mahoning County Medical Society Council believes this places an undue burden on physicians time and is unnecessary. The Council feels that if a physician provides his patient with a statement of itemized charges, indicating whether the charge was incurred by an illness or for a periodic examination, this should suffice for major medical insurance purposes."

The letter will be printed as part of the minutes in the Bulletin.

Mr. Rempes reported on a meeting with Dr. K. E. Soller, of the Corydon Palmer Dental Society, in which the September Outing was discussed. In view of the apparent disinterest shown by members of both organizations, the motion was made by Dr. Murray, and properly seconded, that the annual outing be discontinued. It was noted that dentists are invited to our annual dance and that we are invited to theirs. Motion was passed.

The motion was made by Dr. Lloyd, and properly seconded, that the Council reaffirm the previously taken stand on peer review with emphasis on opposition to cost control in any form. Motion was passed.

A letter was read from the Ohio Department of Health concerning new smallpox vaccination regulations.

A letter was read from the Jaycees asking for support on the Library Levy. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the Mahoning County Medical Society support the Library Levy.

A letter was read from the Youngstown City Clerk asking for support of the nine proposed amendments to the City Charter.

A communication was noted from Dr. S. D. Goldberg asking for support for the United Appeal by physicians.

A report was read from Dr. Chiasson concerning the Medical Assistants Dinner.

Dr. Tandatnick submitted an article by Harry Schwartz, printed in a recent issue of the Saturday Review and made the motion, properly seconded, that it be printed as a statement of policy in an ad in the Vindicator. The motion was defeated.

Dr. Abdu made a motion, properly seconded, that council recommend that the program committee investigate the possibility of the Mahoning County Medical Society inviting Mr. Harry Schwartz to come to Youngstown as a speaker.

Dr. Holden noted that the Woman's Auxiliary no longer wish to sponsor the annual dinner dance. He asked that the Medical Society continue to support it.

Mr. Rempes reported on a call from the Eastern Ohio Pharmaceutical Association asking for some sort of meeting. He was asked to check to see if a committee or similar meeting is what they want.

Discussion ensued concerning a recent talk program wherein callers alleged that some physicians were charging for a hospital admission and discharge. Following discussion, it was determined that some physicians erroneously used the term to mean some procedure done on the date of admission. The motion was made by Dr. Abdu, and properly seconded, that a circular be sent to members asking that they use some other descriptive terminology to fit the activities of that day. Motion was passed.

Mr. Rempes raised the question of an assessment for 1972. He also announced the new secretary at the office will be Mrs. Nancy Thornton.

Dr. Schreiber stated that medicine and industry have some overlapping problems and suggested that Dr. Brown from General Motors might be invited to a council meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes  
Executive Secretary

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## CANFIELD FAIR LIST CORRECTED

In the article about the 1971 Canfield Fair, published in the last (October) issue of the Bulletin, the name of one of the physicians helping at the Fair was inadvertently omitted.

Dr. Karl F. Wieneke should have been included in the list of those taking part in the suturing demonstration, bringing that list up to a total of 18 doctors.

The omission was brought to the attention of the Bulletin staff by the Canfield Fair Committee in order to give proper credit and thanks to all the physicians taking part in the demonstration.

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## MEDICAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY

Medical Assistants Society of Mahoning County opened its new year with a dinner meeting at Berndt's Restaurant on September 16, 1971. President, June Kyle, presided and we had an interesting talk on hospital services by Mr. Luther Ihle, Assistant Administrator of St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Our October 5th meeting was held at Ivy Hall, St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, and our speaker was Juan A. Ruiz, M.D. Dr. Ruiz gave us a very informative talk on circulatory problems as concerned the legs.

Our annual workshop was held on October 17th at Holiday Inn, South, and was attended by about 40 girls, including several guests, one our state president, Cam McCuiston, and another, Laura Lockhart, Sixth District Councilor. We were presented a very educational program with talks given by Mr. Eugene Potesta, Youngstown pharmacist, Michael F. Sheridan, M.D., Director of the Radiation Therapy Center at Youngstown Hospital, Walter Greissinger, M.D., City Health Commissioner, and Mrs. Rose McElhaney, representative of Republic Steel Education Institute. The workshop was presided over by June Kyle, and guests were introduced by workshop chairman, Josephine Sammartino.

—Joan Schuchler  
Bulletin Chairman

## PHYSICIANS INVITED TO DENTAL DANCE

As in past years, all members of the Mahoning County Medical Society, and their wives, are invited to attend the annual Christmas Ball, held by the Corydon Palmer Dental Society.

This year, however, no personal invitations will be mailed to individual physicians. Instead, physicians are asked to respond to this announcement by making their reservations to Dr. Elmer F. Belli, chairman, 1100 Elm Rd., N.E., Warren, Ohio 44483. Dr. Belli's phone is 372-3200.

The Christmas Ball will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at Cherry's Top of the Mall, in the Eastwood Mall, Warren. The cost will be \$30 per couple. There will be a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing.

Over the years, the Dental Society annual dinner-dance has been well attended by physicians. The Dental Society has expressed the desire that an even larger number of Medical Society members attend this year, and promises an outstanding affair.

All members of the Dental Society will be invited to attend the annual dinner-dance to be held by the Medical Society in February.

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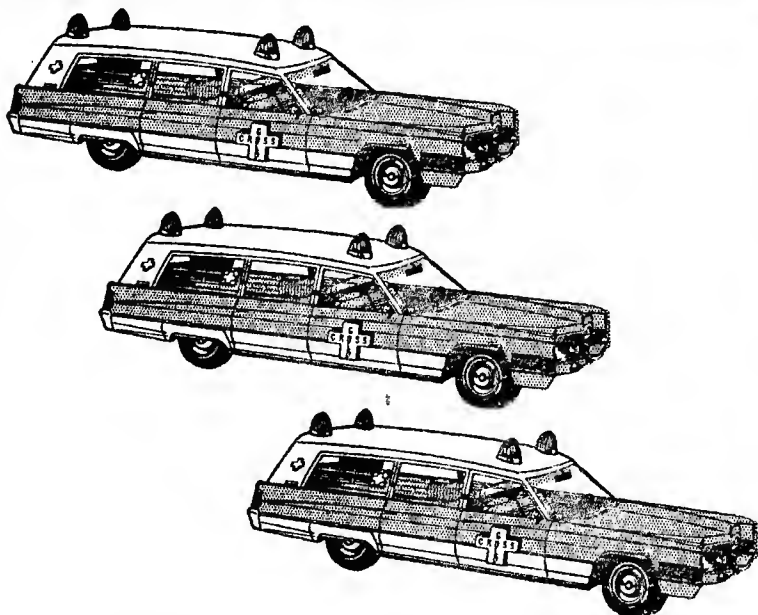
Dr. Lewis K. Reed was reelected president of the Board of the Mahoning County Committee on Alcoholism Programs, Inc., at a recent meeting of that organization.

Dr. Lawrence M. Pass, director of clinical hematology at Youngstown Hospital, has been named clinical assistant professor in medicine at Case Western Reserve University and visiting consultant in hematology at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Cleveland.

Dr. James Fulks, associate in anesthesia and director of inhalation therapy for Youngstown Hospital was principal speaker at a recent meeting of the Mahoning County Emphysema Club.

Mrs. Nancy Thornton is the new secretary at the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society. Mrs. Thornton is a graduate of Miami University. She was formerly medical assistant for a Cincinnati physician.





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